



Bill: Senate Bill 610 (Green)

Position: Support

Position Summary:

Current Michigan law allows the private possession of federally approved and regulated short barreled rifles and short barreled shotguns over 50 years old. Senate Bill 610 would allow the private possession of federally regulated and approved SBR/SBS's without regard to the age of the firearms.

SBRs/SBS's are federally regulated and approved firearms. They are already subject to more regulation than handguns. They are not "sawed off" as that implies a violation of federal law.

In addition to the \$200 federal stamp tax, federal background checks would be required for possession similar to suppressors which were made legal for purchase two years ago.

The application process involves a detailed background check to ensure that the applicant complies with federal law, including a determination that the applicant has not been charged with or been convicted of a disqualifying crime; is a lawful resident and at least 21 years of age; does not use illegal substances; has not been adjudicated mentally defective or committed to a mental institution; and has not been convicted of a crime involving domestic violence.

In addition, the applicant must undergo an identification verification process and secure a certification from a local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area of the applicant's residence that the device will be used for lawful purposes, and that its possession does not violate state or local law.

SB 610 also requires SBRs/SBSs to be registered with the state as pistols.